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SUBJECT: RETURN OF REVEREND DOLL

1. REV. ARMAND DOLL ARRIVED NEW YORK AS SCHEDULED AFTERNOON SEPT. 19. HE WAS MET BY HIS WIFE, DR. GERALD JOHNSON, GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT GEORGE COULTER AND PUBLIC RELATIONS STAFF FROM NAZARENE CHURCH KANSAS CITY HEADQUARTERS, AND MISOFF (FORMER CHARGE IN MOZAMBIQUE ARENALES). ALSO AT AIRPORT WAS CHEERFUL, DISCIPLINED, PSALM-SINGING PLACARD-WAVING CROWD OF SOME 150-200 NAZARENES WHO CONVERGED ON NEW YORK FROM NEW ENGLAND, MIDWEST AND ELSEWHERE. DOLL'S FORMER FELLOW-DETAINEE HUGH FRIBERG AND WIFE FLEW IN FROM WEST COAST.

2. AFTER SPECIAL IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS COURTESIES, THE DOLL'S WERE BESIEGED BY WELL-WISHERS IN VISITOR AREA FOR OVER 90 MINUTES. MANY NAZARENES REMARKED WITH SURPRISE ON HOW WELL DOLL LOOKED AND BEHAVED. MANY VOLUNTEERED THEIR

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SATISFACTION WITH DEPT. EFFORTS ON MISSIONARIES' BEHALF.

MRS. DOLL WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED WITH PHONE CALL FROM GOVERNOR SCRANTON SHORTLY AFTER NEWS OF DOLL'S RELEASE SEPT. 17.

3. DOLL, JOHNSON AND MISOFF AGREED ON LOW-KEY PRESS TREATMENT OF RELEASE. NAZARENE PUBLIC RELATIONS CHIEF CLEARED LOW-KEY, INNOCUOUS CONTINGENCY STATEMENT EXPRESSING SATISFACTION AT RELEASE AND DEPT. EFFORTS. DOLL WAS THEN INTERVIEWED BY YOUNG, NEW UPI REPORTER (ONLY PRESS PRESENT). DOLL TALKED AT SOME LENGTH ABOUT CIRCUMSTANCES OF HIS ARREST AND CONFISCATION OF HIS PROPERTY, BUT SIDE-STEPPED ALL QUESTIONS ABOUT TREATMENT IN PRISON EXCEPT TO STATE HE HAD NOT BEEN MALTREATED. HE MADE SPECIAL POINT OF STATING HIS SATISFACTION WITH DEPT. AND EMBASSY MAPUTO EFFORTS IN HIS BEHALF. CONCLUDING, HE TOLD REPORTER THERE WERE SOME THINGS HE COULD NOT DISCUSS NOW BECAUSE OF NEED TO PROTECT LOCAL CHURCH MEMBERS IN MOZAMBIQUE, BUT THAT HE MIGHT HAVE MORE TO SAY LATER ON. HE PROMISED TO FOLLOW UP.

4. COMMENT: DEPT. MAY WISH TO FOLLOW-UP WITH DOLL IN WEEK OR SO. HE WOULD WELCOME CALL, AND SAID IN ANY EVENT THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO REVIEW HIS EXPERIENCE WITH APPROPRIATE DEPT. OFFICERS. IN BRIEF CHAT SEPT. 20 WITH SHARFUDDINE KHAN OF MOZAMBIQUE DELEGATION TO UNGA, MISOFF REPORTED DOLL'S ARRIVAL AND EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH CONCLUSION OF CASE. KHAN SAID MODERATELY THAT IT WAS THE LAST THING HE ACCOMPLISHED BEFORE LEAVING FOR NEW YORK. SCRANTON

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